

Colonel Billy G. Tollison Chief of Staff

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Gulf Region Division, Baghdad, Iraq





Colonel Billy Tollison assumed the role of Chief of Staff (CoS), Gulf Region Division (GRD) in Iraq on May 13, 2006. His previous assignment was Brigade Executive Officer, 3rd Basic Combat Training (BCT) Brigade, Fort Leonard Wood, Missouri.

As the GRD CoS, Colonel Tollison oversees the Administrative, Security, Operational, and Logistical staff functions in support of the GRD's mission to provide quality, responsive, full spectrum engineering in Iraq in support of military / civilian construction to include delivery of logistical services.

As the 3rd BCT Brigade Executive Officer from July 2005 to April 2006, he was responsible for providing the Administrative,

Operational, and Logistical support for the rapidly changing BCT Program of Instruction (POI) which provides the Army with over 12,000 values-based and combat-ready Soldiers annually.

Colonel Tollison served as the Chief, Construction and Development Cell, Economic Effects Division, Multi-National Force-Iraq from July 2004 to June 2005. During this time he assumed responsibility for developing the common reconstruction project picture for all projects in Iraq and providing the economic effects / benefits of reconstruction projects to the MNF-I and U.S. Embassy.

Colonel Tollison's career includes: 2003 to 2004, Director, Counter Explosive Hazards Center; 2001-2003 Commander of the Fort Leonard Wood Training Support Battalion; 2000-2001, Chief of Staff, USAES; 1998-2000, 554th Engineer Battalion Executive Officer; 1994-1997, Associate Professor of Mathematics, USMA; 1990-1992, Commander, A Company, 23rd Engineer Battalion.

Colonel Tollison graduated from East Central University of Oklahoma in 1984 with a Bachelor's Degree in Mathematics. He earned a Master's Degree in Applied Mathematics from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute of New York in 1994. His military education includes the Engineer Officers Basic and Advanced Courses, Combined Arms Services Staff School, and the US Army Command and General Staff College.

He was born in Fort Hood, TX, and is married with four sons, one grandson, and one granddaughter.